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SUBJECT: SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

REF: A) OLMSTED-GINZBERG TELECON B) PORT MORESBY 712 C) PORT MORESBY 680 D) CINCPAC 170147Z MAY 78

1. JULY 5-8 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

JULY 5

1800 PRINCE RICHARD, DUKE OF CLOUCESTER AND DUCHESS RECEIVE

HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

 $1830\ GOVERNOR'S$ RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES.

JULY 6

1000 SEA REGATTA

 $1730\ \mathsf{NATIONAL}\ \mathsf{DISPLAY}\ \mathsf{AND}\ \mathsf{FIREWORKS}$

JULY 7

0730 ECUMINICAL SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS CATHEDRAL

0930 INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY

1400-1630 HIGH COMMISSIONERS AND AMBASSADORS TO SOLOMONS

PRESENT CREDENTIALS AFTER WHICH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

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1830 PRIME MINISTERS' RECEPTION

 $2200~\mathrm{STATE}~\mathrm{BALL}$

JULY 8

0900 CONTINUATION OF CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER BY HEADS

OF DELEGATIONS

ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE EVENTS SUCH AS VISITS BY DUKE AND

DUCHESS, LUNCHEON FOR COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS, PUBLIC

DANCES AND OTHER EVENTS NOT INVOLVING USDEL.

- 2. CONCERNING TELECON (REF A) PEACE CORPS HAS LINED UP ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 17 PEOPLE IN PRIVATE HOMES. TRANSPORTATION FROM HOUSES TO SITE OF CEREMONIES MAY BE PROBLEM, DEPENDING ON LOCATION. THESE, PLUS ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS OFFERED BY CINCPAC (REFTEL D) SHOULD ENSURE HOUSING FOR ENTIRE DELEGATION.
- 3. PRESS WILL HAVE TO FIND OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM HONIARA AND SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AS DESCRIBED PARA 4 REFTEL C WITHOUT DELAY. PRESS SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT EXISTING AIRLINE SCHEDULES WILL NOT APPLY JULY 4 OR 5 AS SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN ALTERED SO DELEGATES MAY ARRIVE AT CONVENIENT TIMES.
- 4. FOR CINCPAC. DIRECTOR OF INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM HAS
 REQUESTED VISITS TO BOTH SHIPS BY SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM
 1400-1600 JULY 7 AND RECEPTION (ADVISE WHICH SHIP) JULY 6
 2130-2300. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INCLUDE ARMED PARTY OF
 ABOUT TWENTY FROM EACH SHIP TO MARCH PAST GOVERNOR
 GENERAL ON JULY 7 (INDEPENDENCE PARADE)
 AT APPROX. 1015. ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. SHIPS
 JOINING IN ON FIRING OF 21 GUN SALUTE TO BE COORDINATED
 BY HMAS VENDATTA. OTHER WARSHIPS PRESENT WILL BE THE
 VENDATTA AND HMNZS MONOWAI, BOTH ARRIVING JULY 6 AND DEPARTING
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JULY 10. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY RE VISITS, RECEPTION, PARADE AND SALUTING AS IT DESIRED FOR PRINTED PROGRAM.

- 5. FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S PEACE OF MIND YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM HIM THAT ROOMS IN MENDANA HAVE ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE AND CAN EASILY ACCOMMODATE HIM, SON AND NEPHEW. ROOMS ARE LARGE, WELL APPOINTED, HAVE REGRIGERATOR, WORK AREA, ETC. AND IN BEAUTIFUL SETTING ON BEACH.
- 6. RECOMMENDATION: WE BELIEVE SEN KENNEDY SHOULD ARRIVE PORT MORESBY JULY 5, OVERNIGHT PORT MORESBY, ARRIVE HONIARA MID-DAY JULY 6, AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL EARLY JULY 8. PLEASE NOTE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE IN WORKING OUT SCHEDULE. OLMSTED

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